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Dear Colleagues,

In a continuing effort to keep you informed of the progress and plans for the Senior Review we are undertaking in AST, I write to tell you of two developments, both designed to provide opportunity for community input.

First, we have prepared a web site on our AST Divisional home page for Senior Review activities: http://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/ast_senior_review.jsp. There you will find information on the process and schedule for the review, and, when it is complete, membership of the review committee. We will post updates to this site as we have new information.

We also welcome your input. We have established an email address (astsenior-review@nsf.gov) to which you can send your views, concerns, suggestions, or any information you would like the review committee and NSF to consider. These communications will not be made public, and comments will be considered confidential, unless you specify otherwise. As we work with the committee through the fall and winter, we may also ask for your input on specific issues or questions to aid in the deliberations.

Second, we have received a welcome number of offers to host 'town meetings' for the Senior Review. We thank those who came forward with offers to help, and are sorry we have neither the time nor the resources to take advantage of all of these. We are working with our potential hosts to try to optimize and maximize our interaction with the community nationwide. Currently we have plans for meetings in the Northeast at Boston University on 29 September, in Minneapolis, hosted by the University of Minnesota on 7 October, and in Washington, DC, hosted by the AAS on 14 October. More information on these meetings will be posted on the web site and distributed as details are known.

Sincerely,

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